

Message

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Sent: 9/19/2014 12:34:41 PM
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Subject: Re: Draft Permit Comments - General Discharge Permit for Animal Feeding Operations (MDG01)

Dear Mr. Blanco-Gonzalez,

Thank you for your letter and I do appreciate the cooperative efforts between our agencies.

Regards.

On Thu, Sep 18, 2014 at 4:47 PM, Blanco-Gonzalez, Joel <Blanco-Gonzalez.Joel@epa.gov> wrote:

Dear Mr. Alhija:

As requested, attached, please find the following letter for your records. We will continue to work cooperatively with MDE to resolve any outstanding issues in a timely manner. The official letter has been mailed to you.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please let me know.

Respectfully,

Joel Blanco-González

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From: Blanco-Gonzalez, Joel
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2014 4:58 PM
To: 'Hussain Alhija -MDE-'; 'Gary Kelman -MDE-'
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According to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region III and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), EPA has reviewed the draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) *General Discharge Permit for Animal Feeding Operations (MDG01)* (hereinafter referred to as the “draft permit”) submitted by MDE on September 8, 2014. As a result of our review, and pursuant to 40 CFR § 123.44, the purpose of this message is to provide MDE with EPA’s final position on the draft permit.

The draft permit as written builds upon MDE’s draft permit transmittals, EPA’s comments and recommendations, and our subsequent conversations. Since the commencement of the draft permit package review process in June 2014, the collective efforts between agencies culminated in numerous improvements to the draft permit. We appreciate the extensive work and close communication between us in the process to ensure a successful outcome, and we look forward to continuing our cooperation as MDE works to meet its responsibilities of implementing its NPDES CAFO program. This message closes out our review, and therefore we will not be providing any additional comments regarding this draft permit.

If for any reason, the draft permit is modified from the version that was submitted to us on September 8, 2014, please forward a copy of the new draft permit to us for review before issuance.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please let me know.

Respectfully,

Joel Blanco-González

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